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SUBJECT: EXIT VISA OF CALTEX MANAGER

1. CALTEX MANAGER JULIAN DASHIELL MARCH 18 MADE INQUIRY WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF MILITARY DIRECTORY CONCERNING STATUS HIS EXIT VISA REQUEST, AS WE SUGGESTED (REF A). SECRETARY GENERAL SAID EXIT VISA WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WHICH ORIGINALLY PLACED STOP ON VISA. FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL FREDERIC RASAMOELY, DIRECTOR OF TREASURY, SAME DAY ADVISED DASHIELL MINISTRY NOT PREPARED TO APPROVE DEPARTURE OF OIL COMPANY GENERAL MANAGERS UNTIL GOVERNMENT CHRGES AGAINST COMPANIES ADEQUATELY RESOLVED.

2. REVIEWING CALTEX FILES WITH DASHIELL, RASAMOELY SAID HE SATISFIED OIL COMPANIES COMMITTED CLEAR INFRACTION OF MALAGASY FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATIONS, THAT IGNORANCE OF LAW WAS NO EXCUSE, AND THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO MINISTER APPROPRIATE FINES BE LEVIED. RASAMOELY ADDED THAT ALL OIL COMPANY FILES WERE RECENTLY REFERRED TO NEW FINANCE MINISTER, MAJOR DESIRE RAKOTOARIJAONA, FOR FINAL DECISION.

3. SINCE ALL ROADS ON DISPUTE BETWEEN GOMR AND OIL MARKETING COMPANIES NOW SEEM TO LEAD TO NEW FINANCE MINISTER, AMBASSADOR PLANS CALL ON MINISTER AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS DASHIELL'S EXIT VISA REQUEST. FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISED US MARCH 20, HOWEVER, THAT MEMBERS OF MILITARY DIRECTORY AND
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MINISTERS OTHER THAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

FOR MEETINGS WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS DURING TRIAL OF THOSE
ACCUSED OF INVOLVEMENT IN RATSIMANDRAVA ASSASSINATION AND
RECENT REBELLION (TRIAL BEGAN MARCH 21), SO IT UNCERTAIN
WHEN AMBASSADOR WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH FINANCE MINISTER.
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